

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

EA Number: DOI-BLM-AZ-G020-2013-0016-EA

Serial/Case File No. AZA-033257

BLM Office: Tucson Field Office

Finding of No Significant Impact:

I have reviewed the environmental assessment (EA), # DOI-BLM-AZ-G020-2013-0016-EA, dated May 07, 2013, prepared for the Smithco – Bobbitt Quarry Mine Plan of Operation Amendment, and have found through the EA that there are no potentially significant environmental impacts caused by the proposed project. I have determined that the proposed action with the mitigation measures listed below will not have any significant impacts on the human environment and that an EIS is not required. I have determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the Phoenix Resource Management Plan approved in Record of Decision dated September 1989.

Below are the substantive reasons for finding no significant impact:

The proposed mining activities would occur in an area impacted by previous mining activities.

The Desert Tortoise would be protected through the use of speed limits and signs, fencing, banning unleashed dogs, and employee education.

The access route utilizes existing roads.

No cultural features were discovered within the proposed expansion area.

Attachments: NEPA#: DOI-BLM-AZ-G020-2013-0016-EA

/S/ Brian Bellew
Brian Bellew, Field Manager

May 14, 2013
Date